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**Aldo L. Raffa,**

78, a retired employe of the Central Intelligence Agency and a former colonel in the Air Force Reserve, died of cancer March 14 at the Washington Home.

Col. Raffa was born in Milan, Italy. He grew up in Boston and graduated from Harvard University, where he also earned a master's degree in government. He received a doctorate in political science from the University of Palermo, Sicily. He moved to the Washington area in 1929.

During World War II, he served in the Army Air Forces in Europe. He remained in Europe after the war with the commission that reorganized Italy's universities. He also worked for the United Nation's Relief and Rehabilitation Agency before returning to this country in 1948.

He then joined the CIA, where he was an expert in Soviet cybernetics. He retired from the CIA and from the Air Force Reserve in 1966.

Col. Raffa had also taught management part-time at Georgetown and at George Washington universities.

His military honors include the Bronze Star.

He was a Mason and a member of the Retired Officers Association, the Reserve Officers Association, the Sons of Italy, and the Association of Former Intelligence Officers.

His wife, Joyce M. Raffa, died in 1978. Survivors include a son, John, of Burbank, Calif., and a daughter, Joyce Raffa of Oakview, Calif.